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most bitterly began to weep;
And lifting up her hands on high,
she took a thozt, not lasting sleep:
Six months ago, as I am told,
Before she did this same unfold.

Therefore not to detain you long
to this discourse, I now will pass;
Which is a truth assuredly,
as many know, and you may guess:
When as 'tis plainly told herein,
Whereas their bones are to be seen.

The House wherein this Midwife liv'd,
hath very much disturbed been;
With Apparitions very strange,
the like whereof hath not been seen:
Sometimes resembling of her shape,
At other times Hells mouth to gape.

Which put the people in great fear,
that there had taken up abode,
Being loath for to disclose the same,
for fear expertions they should load
On her whom they really thought
Could never be to Lewdness brought.

But still they daily was oppress,
with dismal shapes, and Lightings strange
That by no means they could not rest,
being very loath from thence to range:
They told some Neighbours secretly,
Desiring them their Faith to try.

To speak unto this Spirit strange,
if that occasion they saw;
But they thereby was daunted quite,
and very much was kept in awe:
The hair o'their heads standing on end,
To see their late Familiar Friend.

She finding none that would Reply,
importunate at last did grow;
A'th 16th. of this Instant March,
unto the Maid reveal'd her Woe:
Who then was by her Mistris sent,
To fetch Night-cloaths Incontinent.

for I to you will do no harm;
And tell Mary whom I love most,
that I hereby, her now do charm,
Two Tiles by'th fire up to take,
A Board also, and then to make

A Burial of what she finds,
in decent and most handsome sort;
And let the World to know my Crime,
and that I am most sorry for't:
Desiring Midwives to take heed,
How they dispose their Bastard-breed.

She having now reveal'd her mind,
did vanish in a Flash away,
And none doth know where she's confin'd,
until the General judgement-day:
When as she shall the answer make,
For what she then did undertake.

The Maid at first astonish'd was,
at this which she her self did hear;
And to her Mistris did impart,
the same that now I do declare:
Concerning of the Murthers strange,
And did not seem at all to change.

Which being throughly searched out,
accordingly it did appear;
The Maid she spoke of is suppos'd,
to be her kind Kinswoman neer:
That will fulfill her will, 'tis said,
She being a Religious Maid.

Most People they are apt of late,
to condemn (most) strange things as lyes,
To'th Cheshire-Cheese you may repair,
for this they will you satisfie:
Having the Childrens Bones to show,
In Holbourn if you do it know.

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